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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



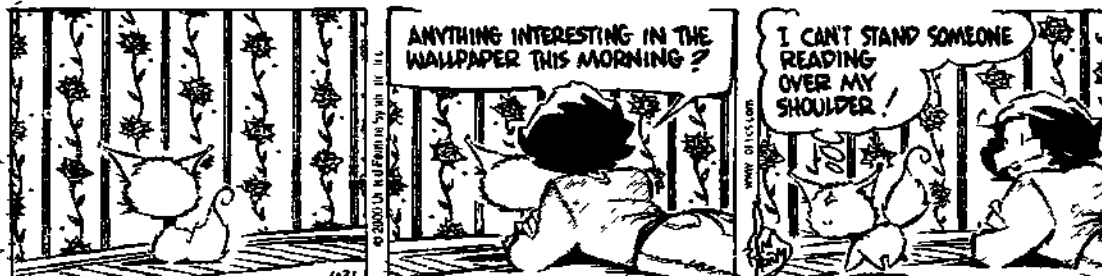
9 CHICKWEED LANE



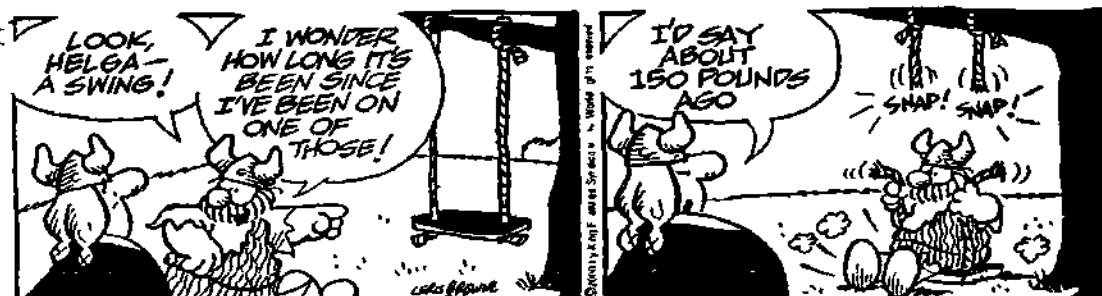
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



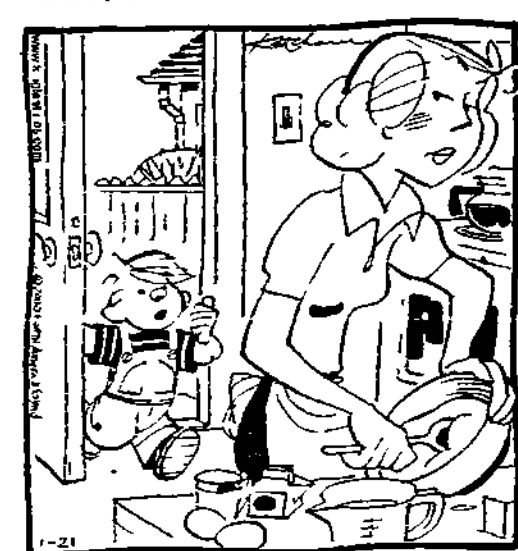
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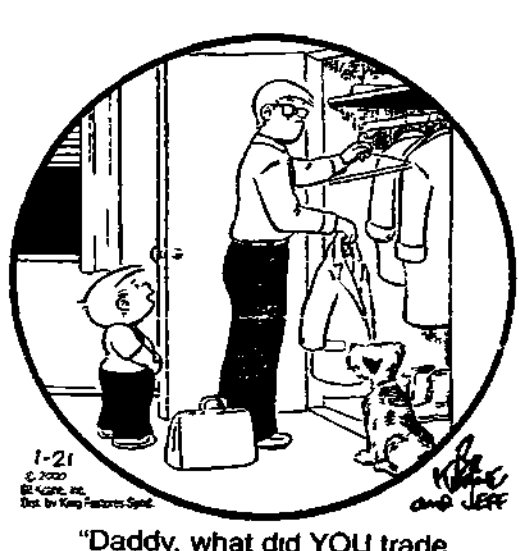
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



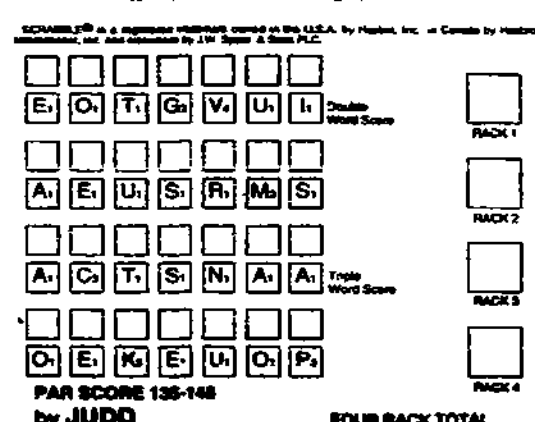
Today's Birthdays

Actor Paul Scofield is 78 Actor Steve Reeves is 74 Actress Ann Wedgeworth is 65 Blues singer-musician Snooks Eaglin is 64 Gaffer Jack Nicklaus is 60 Opera singer Placido Domingo is 59 Singer Richie Havens is 59 Singer Mac Davis is 58 Singer Edwin Starr is 58 Actress Jill Eikenberry is 53 Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 50 Actor Robby Benson is 44 Actress Geena Davis is 43.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 135-145
by JUDD
FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 30 MIN
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 4-letter words get 30-point bonus. "Starters" used as early letters have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Scripps, Merriam) and OGBN Crossword Solution Words (Chambers). JUDG'S SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD 1-21-99 © 2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

RIVERS

G J G D A X V S P N K I F C A
C X I V S Q O L J H E C A X V
O D A R O L O C T R P N L J E
L H F D U B Y X V E T R P B D
U O M K I O G E L D B Z U X N
M I S S I S S I P P I N W U A
B T Y E K A N S P L A T T E R
I R U Q G O N E I D L J I G G
A F K L G N O K E M D O I H O
C A O N O Z A M A R Y X W V I
T V N S R P O G N L G K J I R

Thursday's unlisted clue: O'NEAL
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue: ALASKAN RIVER
Answer: Alaskan
Clue: Making
Clue: Mississippi
Clue: Florida
Clue: Snake
Clue: Volga
Clue: Ruo Grande

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1210

- ACROSS
1 It may be part of a club
4 Pet store purchase
8 Beggar's wear
14 Classic object of blame-shifting
16 Glenn Miller protégé Ray
17 Salon worker
18 Indian's neighbor
19 Narc's find, perhaps
20 Kim or Nürnberg
28 Midweek money
23 Deep-six
25 Way to storm off
27 Proscholastic org
28 "Restaurant"
29 Swore
32 Word after sand or sound
36 Gent
37 Narc's find, perhaps
38 The Eagle that landed
39 Satellite dish producer
40 Set for the nursery
42 One may be limited
44 Skilled in
46 Big mts. in video games
47 Reagan Supreme Court nominee
49 1973 resignee
51 Order
52 Going to get
54 Overexercising result
56 Where Mark Twain is buried
58 Some people are convicted in it
60 1996 "Les Misérables" star
61 They may arouse a farmer
62 Courses, in combinations
63 Sloughs
64 Unlike
65 Across
DOWN
1 Dickens
2 Go around
3 Pillboxes and such
4 Court postion
5 Abbr.
6 "Make _____" (birthday cry)
7 Substance
8 Involve
9 Like a medusa
10 Globetrotters founder
11 Saperstein
12 Forget for years?
13 Endle path
14 Put to rest
15 OB O'Donnell
16 One who takes inventory?
17 Pittance
18 Only N.L. pitcher to win four Cy Young Awards

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

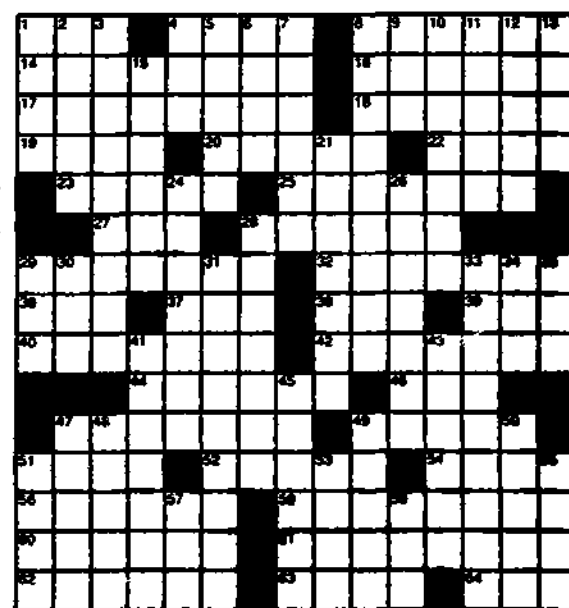
VAMPS GLAH CAYS
ITALO RAZE ABEL
IFYOUSAYONEMORE
PLANS SLEDGE
ALPS ADOS SLEEP
WORDABOUTME
AVION TEE AUTO
REDWORM MATTHAU
EDEN OED ORANG
BEINGATOUTH
RADIO RAYS CLOT
ACACIA TRINI
GUYILUBEAITYOUP
EYAL GUST SUMMA
DENY ANTE ESSAY

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South ducked in dummy and captured East's club-queen with his king. Playing quickly, South led a trump to dummy's king and a low one back to his ace, dropping West's queen. East had played his deuce on the first trump and a tricky 10 on the second trump, hoping to convince South that he held Q-10-2. East's trick didn't work. South drew the last trump and lost only a diamond and two hearts, claiming game and rubber. Why did South play so confidently in trumps? West's opening bid and his opening lead provided the clues. When West did not lead a heart, South "knew" West did not have solid hearts. Holding the A-K or K-Q, surely he would have led his supported suit. South reasoned that West's hearts were A-Q-J at best, and the diamond ace was part of his opening bid. How about East? His raise was based on, at most, the K-J of hearts and he already had played the club queen. Ergo, falsecard or not, the trump queen was a big favorite to be part of West's opening bid. East didn't learn anything from this deal. He was too engrossed with his own cleverness to appreciate the reasons for South's excellent play.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K 8 5		♠ 10 3 2	
♥ 9 3		♥ K 10 9 5	
♦ K Q J 7 2		♦ 8 5 4	
♣ A 7 6		♣ Q 9 3	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ Q 4		♠ A J 9 7 5	
♥ A Q J 8 4		♥ 7 2	
♦ A 3		♦ 10 9 8	
♣ 10 8 5 2		♣ K J 4	
Vulnerable Both			
Dealer: West			
The bidding			
West	North	East	South
1♥	2♦	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	
Opening lead: Club deuce			



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